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**For: A PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF ALKYL- AND ARYL-DIPHOSPHONIC ACIDS AND SALTS THEREOF**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above application, please amend the above-entitled patent application as follows.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

☒ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT			HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR			EXTRA PRESENT		RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	13	MINUS	20	* =	0	X		(\$25 SE or \$50)	\$0
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**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1. ☐ If checked, an abstract is submitted herewith.
2. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.